

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 6, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms
Abigail Reynolds, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 143 by Representative Gregory Miller

House Bill No. 143 provides relative to the term "parcel" in the Code of Governmental Ethics relative to personal financial disclosure.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 143. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 143 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 149 by Representative Talbot

House Bill No. 149 prohibits public servants from engaging in certain activities with public funds and assets.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 149. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 149 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 354 by Representative Jenkins

House Bill No. 354 allows a public servant to accept admission, lodging, and transportation to and from certain events while serving as director of a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 354. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 354 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 78 by Representative Pearson

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 78, which requires the executive director of each of the state and statewide retirement systems to file annual financial disclosure statements.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 78 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 144 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 144, which removes requirement of an affidavit and instead requires a certification to accompany Tier 1 and Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 144 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 144 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 727 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 727, which specifies that the filing of certain supplemental lobbyist disclosure reports is not required during the registration renewal period.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 727 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 727 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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House Bill No. 558 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 558, which requires certain contracting entities to submit information to the legislative auditor prior to contracting with a state agency or receiving state monies.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to change the required content of submission to include a certification, rather than document certifying, of information regarding the status of payment of taxes owed, of whether a current Form 990 has been filed, and of whether required reports to the legislative auditor have been submitted. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Mr. David Greer, legislative auditor, P. O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-339-3800, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 558.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 558 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 558 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 770 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 770, which requires lobbyists to disclose information concerning certain relationships and transactions with legislators and related persons.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 770. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 770 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 587 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 587, which provides relative to annual financial disclosure by legislators.

Kathleen M. Allen, La. Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 587.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 587, to which Representative Jay Morris objected. Representative Jay Morris offered a substitute motion to report

House Bill No. 587 favorably, to which Representative Ivey objected. The secretary called the roll on the substitute motion to report House Bill 587 favorably, and the motion failed by a vote of 4 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Miller, and Jay Morris voted yea. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Pugh, and Shadoin voted nay.

The original motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 587 was considered. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 587 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 272 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 272, which allows a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event held by or for the benefit of certain educational institutions or programs, excluding professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting events.

Kathleen M. Allen, La. Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 272.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 272 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 272 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 585 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 585, which requires lobbyists to report certain information.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 585 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 585 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: